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Incoming Potrero Police Captain 'At Home Base'

By Michael Mattis

Captain Sylvia Harper, who in January became the first woman police officer in the city's history to command a district station, was officially appointed Feb. 10 to head Potrero Station, replacing Captain Tim Hettrick.

"You have to go back to your roots and take care of the home base," said the 43-year-old Bayview native. "The timing is right."

Under the administration of Mayor Frank Jordan, Harper had been appointed to be captain of Richmond Station on Jan. 2 of this year. She served there just five weeks. The Brown administration, said Harper, "thought I could better serve the community in Potrero District."

Harper's appointment reflects the new administration's diversity policies.

Captain Heather Fong, formerly head of the Police Administration's Planning Department (now under Hettrick), heads Central Station, which serves Chinatown as well as North Beach, while Mission Station has been taken over by Spanish-speaking Captain Al Casciato.

Harper, a 17-year veteran of the force, described her first weeks on the job as "challenging but interesting. The volume of work is a lot, and it's a lot of community groups — and I like to personally go out and meet them initially and try to participate as much as possible."

An African American, Harper grew up in Bayview. She attended Cathedral High School and St. Mary's College in Moraga, where by 1975 she had earned twin degrees in psychology and biology. After college she went to work downtown at the Emporium, eventually climbing into management. In 1979, while on maternity leave after the birth of her second child, Harper decided to apply to the police academy.

"Back when I was going through school I think the rage was social work. It was during and after the Vietnam war. Peo-

ple were getting more in touch with their community and outreaching," she said. "I was going to go into probation work, but I heard you really didn't help as many people as you wanted because of the caseload. Police work was kind of a natural tangent from that."

After six months at the Police Academy and additional training at Central Station, Harper was assigned to Southern Station, inside the Hall of Justice on Bryant Street. She passed the sergeant's test in 1986.

Harper served at various stations around the city as she rose through the ranks. Eventually she was transferred back to the Hall of Justice where she took up an administrative job until being put in charge of the unit investigating hit-and-run incidents.

Ironically, it was while she was investigating hit-and-run in 1993 that Harper's 43-year-old brother, William Marquis, a Community College Board member, was struck down by a car on Third Street. The car sped off after the accident, leaving Marquis for dead. Marquis refused to die, however. "There's still some residual head trauma," Harper said, "but otherwise he's very physically fit."

Later, Harper was promoted to captain, serving as a night supervisor, patrolling the streets from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. That was her last job before taking up the reins at Richmond Station.

Citing family safety, Harper said she was at first ambivalent about serving in Bayview, which is part of the Potrero Station's jurisdiction. "I have two children and we had a near tragedy with my brother," she said. "But now my children are older. This is a good time to be here."

"I want to keep everything going that Capt. (Tim) Hettrick started," said Harper, when asked about her plans for the district, "because he started a lot of excellent programs that I want to use as a springboard to further educate the public and branch out."



Newly assigned Potrero Police district Captain Sylvia Harper (r) marched with fellow police officer Lt. Patricia Jackson and others during the Bay Area Black Law Enforcement Memorial March and Service Feb. 11.
Ruth Passen photo

'Acutely Hazardous' List Names Four Area Firms

By Jeff Wood

At least four sites on Potrero Hill — all businesses — contain quantities of Acutely Hazardous Materials great enough to require registration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH), according to Department records.

Three of the sites are located in primarily industrial areas, while one, Anchor Brewing Company at 1705 Mariposa St., is near apartments and homes, as well as the Potrero Hill Middle School. The other sites are American Linen (which recently changed its name from Exchange Linen Service) at 1575 Indiana St.; PG&E Potrero Station at 1201 Illinois St.; and Applied Dielectrics at 1790 Caesar Chavez St.

Anchor Brewing has registered 1,287 pounds of ammonia with the DPH. Applied Dielectrics has registered 1,375 pounds of nitric acid, while National Linen and PG&E Potrero Station have registered 5,730 and 12,350 pounds of sulfuric acid, respectively.

Acutely Hazardous Materials (AHM) are defined by the State of California as chemicals that "represent a significant hazard should they be released into the environment," notes the DPH. Acutely Hazardous Materials include chemicals such as ammonia, chlorine, and sulfuric and nitric acid, but not other

materials such as etiologic agents, medical waste, radioactive waste or materials, considered merely "hazardous."

Businesses register their materials by completing a 100-page booklet that includes registration and disclosure forms for hazardous materials, and sample emergency response and employee training plans, whose stated purpose is to "protect the health and safety of the community and of the San Francisco emergency response personnel, such as firefighters and paramedics."

The DPH then stores the information for reference in case of an emergency at the facility or in the surrounding area. It also inspects and verifies inventories of acutely hazardous materials, but only once every three years, which is the state's minimum requirement. Although DPH representatives say they would like annual inspections, the DPH current budget falls short of that level.

If the DPH learns of unregistered quantities of Acutely Hazardous Materials, penalties include fines of up to \$2,000 per day (after a 45-day grace period) for lack of registration. Field screenings rarely turn up cases of non-compliance with registration procedures, however Sue Cone, Hazardous Materials Manager for the DPH, says she would be "very surprised" to find businesses holding large quantities of unreported acutely hazardous materials in the Potrero Hill area.

Agreeing to Disagree

By Judy Baston

When the Potrero View staff sits down to discuss endorsement of candidates and ballot measures, most of the time we reach a consensus — perhaps with a dissenting voice or two, but sometimes with a unanimous vote. When it is clear, however, that each of us may have mixed feelings about an issue, or that a poll of the staff finds we're pretty evenly divided on a measure, then it is impossible for The View to speak with a single voice. In our endorsement box on Page 2, you will notice we have made no recommendation on either San Francisco Prop. A or B. This certainly does not mean we think these measures unimportant.

In the case of Prop. A, which would authorize the issuance of up to \$157 million in bonds for expansion of Moscone Center, almost all View staffers had mixed feelings. We recognize there is a need for additional convention and exhibit space. But we also feel that in this case voters are being given no specifics whatsoever. We tend to agree with the respected environmental organization San Francisco Tomorrow, which points out that, "No plans have been drawn up. No traffic or environmental impacts have been studied. The voters should be given a specific proposal to review before they are asked to make such a large financial commitment."

On the other hand, the "No Recommendation" stand on Prop. B implies no sense of ambivalence whatsoever on the part of individual View staffers. Au contraire: each of us feels quite strongly about one point of view or the other, but in this case not

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"THAT'S THE STADIUM'S **TOTAL COST** TO THE TAXPAYER — IF YOU DON'T COUNT THE EXTRA MUNI CARS, DRIVER OVERTIME, NEW SEWER PIPES, TOXIC WASTE CLEANUP...

Agreeing to Disagree

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only was the staff sharply divided, but even the paper's Editorial Board was split two-to-one against the measure.

What were some of the issues around which we agreed to disagree? For example, one staffer who had opposed the 1989 China Basin ballpark proposal stressed that with the promise of private financing this time around there is no reason to oppose the measure. But as you can see above, View cartoonist Larry Gonick has some serious questions about the claim that no taxpayers' funds will be used for the project. Another key unresolved question among staffers is parking and traffic congestion. A number of staff members stress that no real studies have been undertaken on these issues, and they note that Potrero Hill will feel some negative impact from fans driving through the neighborhood or even parking in the area to catch Caltrain to the park. But another was sure that "if there are traffic problems at the beginning, over the next few years, they'll work themselves out." And for another, proximity to the Hill is a distinct plus. "If I can walk to a baseball game, I'm all for it," he said.

For die-hard Giants fans, of course, the anchor of their support is the lure of an attractive ballpark in an accessible setting. And, pointed out one, "The Giants won't stay at Candlestick, and we don't want to lose the team."

But members of the staff opposing Prop. B are concerned about what they see as a rush to put the measure on the ballot, before any comprehensive studies can be undertaken or any firm guarantees made. Underscoring that concern is the ability of the Board of Supervisors to change any element of Prop. B without requiring an additional popular vote, and possibly resulting in a ballpark bearing little resemblance to the one being described now.

GETTING INVOLVED

- ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector)** meets the first Thursday of each month (March 7) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Community College — downstairs — at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps, off Bayshore.
- Potrero Hill Parents Association** will hold its second annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration on Friday, March 15. Celebrants should meet at the Potrero Branch Library, 1616 - 20th St., at 4 p.m. For more info call 241-8820.
- Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board** meets the second Monday of the month (March 11) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center, 1050 Wisconsin Street, are open to the public. The community is invited to help plan a Health Fair to be held soon.
- Potrero Hill Democratic Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month. This month (March 12) members and the public will have an opportunity to question candidates for the Democratic Central Committee — at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro, 7 p.m.
- Starr King Park Board** meets the second Wednesday of each month (March 13) in the Potrero Hill Library meeting room at 1616 - 20th St. at 7 p.m.
- PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors)** meets the third Wednesday of each month (March 20) at the Jackson Park Rec Center, Arkansas and Mariposa Sts., 7:30 p.m. The agenda will include PLAN's arguments for voting "No" on the ballpark proposition.
- Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants** meet the last Tuesday of the month (March 26) at 7:30 p.m., at the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 - 20th St.
- Friends of McKinley Square** and the **San Francisco General Hospital Community Meetings** have temporarily suspended their sessions. Watch Getting Involved for future announcements.



Kopp 'Misspoke'

Editor:

Senator Kopp misspoke on Channel 2 (2/19/96). He said "no taxpayers' money will be spent on the ballpark from City General Funds as long as I'm around." Proposition B says only "no General Obligation Bonds." The Giants and Mr. Kopp say "privately financed;" Prop. B says only "privately developed."

The Supervisors control spending of General Funds. Also, Section 9 of Prop B permits the Board to amend any provision without consulting voters. There-

fore, they can negotiate any financial deal with the Giants after the election, including raising taxes and spending General Funds.

Kopp says it's a "blighted area." Just visit Rincon Hill, South Beach and China Basin! There are 25,000 residents in new complexes adjacent to the China Basin site, and also many new businesses with high paying jobs in "Multimedia Gulch" on Townsend. Why, Quentin? You won't be around after 1998.

Jerry Peterson
Potrero Hill

The Potrero View Recommends:

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Kevin McCarthy | |

City Propositions:

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| A | Expand Moscone Convention Center | N/R |
| B | Build Ballpark at China Basin | N/R |

State Propositions:

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| 192 | Seismic Retrofit Bond Act | YES |
| 193 | Property Appraisal | NO |
| 194 | Prisoners, Denial of Unemployment Benefits | NO |
| 195 | Punishment - Special Circumstances | NO, NO, NO |
| 196 | Punishment - Special Circumstances | NO, NO, NO |
| 197 | California Wildlife Protection | NO |
| 198 | Elections, Open Primary | NO |
| 199 | Limit Mobilehome Rent Control | NO |
| 200 | No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance | NO, NO, NO |
| 201 | Attorneys' Fees | NO, NO, NO |
| 202 | Attorneys' Contingent Fees | NO, NO, NO |
| 203 | Public Education Facilities | YES |

N/R = No Recommendation



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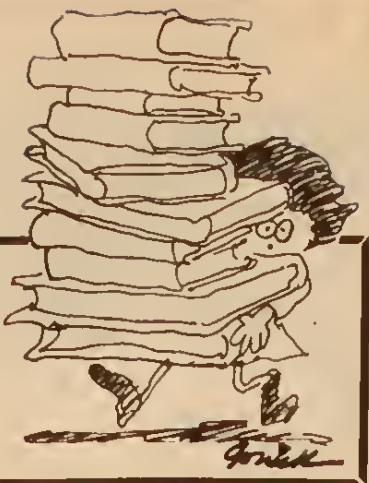
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ARTS AND FLOWERS

The Potrero Hill Artists exhibit will celebrate its 41st year when it opens for one month on Saturday, March 30 with a reception for the artists from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Artist Henri Marie-Rose has arranged for musical entertainment to be provided by "Cliff Notes." The Potrero Hill Garden Club will supply flowers. Artist Marion Norberg will coordinate refreshments for the reception. Artists Robert Kingsbury and John Connolly will lead a team of volunteers who will hang the show.

Artists who live or work on Potrero Hill are invited to submit up to two works, prepared with wire, ready to hang, with artist's name, title and medium attached to each submission. The deadline for submissions is no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, and pieces must be on exhibit for the duration of the show, and be retrieved on Tuesday, April 30 by 5 p.m. For more information, call John Connolly at 824-5936.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FEATURE PUPPET SHOW

Infant-Toddler Lapsits are Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytimes are Thursdays at 4 p.m. On Thursday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m., those who attend the lapsit will be treated to a puppet show featuring "Anansi," "The Fat Cat," and "Gunnwolf." Puppet roles will be played by children's librarians, Shelley Sorenson and Toba Singer. The videos, "Make Way For Ducklings" and "Petunia," will be shown on Wednesday, March 6, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

UNFORTUNATELY . . .

We were in error last month when we informed you that during the Main Library closing you cannot renew books from the Main. The good news is that **FORTUNATELY**, you CAN renew them.

ROLLING HOME

On Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., actor Mark Kenward will perform "Rolling Home," described by the **San Francisco Bay Guardian** as a "thrilling, mesmerizing" presentation of dramatic literature.

MUNI and BART Tix at Nabe

MUNI and BART tickets are available at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., Mondays through Fridays during office hours, 10 am-4 pm

Senior MUNI: \$8.00
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Senior BART: \$4.00

For more information, call
826-8080

SAN FRANCISCO BALLET SCHOOL LECTURE/DEMONSTRATION

On Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m., students from the San Francisco Ballet School, led by retired ballet mistress Mary Wood, will offer a lecture/demonstration of ballet barre exercises at the library. Space is limited. Please call 695-6640 by Friday, March 15 to reserve a seat.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Thanks to Julie Geiger, who wheels baby Daisy to the library, for the lovely bouquet of daisies she brought us last month. We appreciate the presence of both — Daisy and the daisies — very much.

DON'T MOURN — ORGANIZE — AND READ!

Found touching the thoughtful decision of Derrel Myers — stepfather of the 23-year-old pro-Cuba activist Jo-Jo White, who was killed last month at 16th and Carolina Streets, to distribute Che Guevara's famous pamphlet "Socialism and Man" to participants at a memorial meeting for Jo-Jo. Isn't that what Jo-Jo would have wanted?

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

- * Anonymous. "Primary Colors." Yes, to all of you who've asked: this insider's take on the Clinton White House is on its way to Potrero (multiple copies).
- * Alinder, Mary Street. "Ansel Adams: a Biography." Details early years in San Francisco and provides an ensemble picture of contemporaries such as Dorothea Lange and Edward Weston.
- * Butler, Brett. "Knee Deep in Paradise." Blue collar, Southern, and the survivor of domestic violence, comedienne Butler looks at the demons in her past without flinching.
- * Marshall, Joseph, Jr. & Lonnie Wheeler. "Street Soldier: One Man's Struggle to Save a Generation. One Life at a Time." This is the story of local hero Joe Marshall, founder of the life-changing Omega Boys Club.
- * Patoski, Joe Nick. "Selena: Como La Flor: a Biography." This book takes us deep into Tejano culture to present an unvarnished portrait of the murdered much-admired Chicana singer.
- * Lessing, Doris. "Love Again." 65-year-old Darsh Durham falls in love with a 35-year-old director. Brilliant anatomy of love, longing and desire.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

- * Say, Allen. "Stranger in the Mirror."
- * Schertle, Alice. "Down the Road."
- * Small, David. "Hoover's Bride."
- * Curtis, Christopher Paul. "The Watsons Go to Birmingham."
- * King-Smith. "The Cuckoo Child."
- * Cole, Joanna. "The Magic School Bus in the Time of the Dinosaurs."

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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

HELIPORT PLAN SURFACES AGAIN:

Plans to build a heliport at Pier 54 on China Basin had Hill residents up in arms. Having successfully opposed a similar plan for Pier 70 at the old Bethlehem Shipyard at the foot of 20th Street, citizens were angered that the new heliport plan would be "in the pipeline before the community had even been notified, let alone consulted." About 100 Hill residents protested the plan at a meeting sponsored by the St. Teresa's chapter of the San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) on Feb. 20.

RENTAL UNITS PLANNED FOR SYNANON SITE:

With removal of toxic waste, and soil and water testing completed, Grosvenor Properties revealed plans for the site at 23rd and Kansas Streets to 75 interested neighbors of the proposed development. Those at the meeting, held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, were informed that Grosvenor targeted a beginning date in July, 1986 and a completion date 14 months later. Units were to be studio apartments, one and two-bedroom units and "townhouses," with rents ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per month.

MISSION BAY DEBATE GETS HOTTER:

The role of the developer for the massive Mission Bay project planned for the area between Mission Creek and Mariposa Street in funding the planning process came under attack at a City Planning Commission meeting Feb. 20. The focus of the debate was on the questions of how much housing and what kind of jobs will be projected for Mission Bay. A series of public forums on the results of the first study on the project were tentatively planned for March.

SCHOOL FRIENDS KEEP PRESSURE ON:

Parent, community and teacher involvement in education at Potrero Hill Middle School appeared to have paid off. Community efforts helped bring about a court-ordered Consent Decree at PHMS that emphasized desegregation in student enrollment as well as a racially balanced faculty. More counseling service and a reading lab were begun and a Chinese teacher was added to the staff to work with the 50 newcomer Asian students assigned to the school in February.

THIS AND THAT:

The **View** editorialized on the good news that the Good Life Grocery was slated to open at its new site on 20th Street . . . An Oral History Project focussing on the history of Potrero Hill, the brainchild of Julie McCollum-Gilden, called for help from Hill residents for tape recorders and volunteer interviewers . . . Running legend and Hill resident Walt Stack, then 78 years old, was feted upon his retirement as president of the Dolphin South End Runners Club ("Start Slowly and Taper Off") which he had helped establish 20 years before . . . Plans to close Coral Road, a short semi-circular drive in Starr King Park at Carolina between 23rd and 25th Streets, had residents choosing sides between the park's board of directors and a resident whose only vehicular access to his home was the drive . . . Federal budget cuts threatened the Mayor's Summer Youth Program and its Potrero Hill offshoot, which had 160 youngsters involved the previous year . . . The San Francisco Food Bank, operating out of a warehouse on Illinois Street and serving more than 100 agencies, including the Nabe, explained its operations to **View** readers . . . **View** founder Lenny Anderson ("A true bard," said writer Studs Terkel) had a new album, "Hot Off The Press." He was about to leave on a European gig . . . A picture of Hollywood star Danny Glover when he appeared in a 1979 production at the Hill's Julian Theatre headed a story on the upcoming S.F. International Film Festival . . . Pocket Opera's Donald Pippin, a Hill resident, was profiled . . . Black History Month was celebrated in a number of cultural activities on the Hill.

AND 20 YEARS AGO:

From the **View** classified: **HOUSE FOR SALE, POT. HILL**, delightful 3 bd. home, skylights, new kitchen, fireplace & much more, \$72,000.

— Vas Arnautoff



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Alcoholics Anonymous	Sun/Mon/Thurs, 8:30 pm
Girls/Boys Club	Mondays, 4:00 pm
Narcotics Anonymous	Wednesdays, 8:00pm
Omega Boys Club	Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

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THE VIEW AT THE LIBRARY

If you are searching for a story that ran in the Potrero View a long time ago, take a look at the bound volumes at the Potrero Branch Library which contain every issue from the very first one in 1970 through December 1991. We will have more recent issues bound in the not-too-distant future, but in the meantime, check with the librarian who may have them on file.

Hill Publisher Issues S.F. Guide to Public Schools

By Lysa Allman

Ensuring that your children have the best educational opportunities possible is one of the more crucial decisions in parenting. However, choosing the schools they attend can be very difficult, as well as anxiety-provoking. Which schools are good? Does this one have a racial and ethnic balance of students? How qualified are the teachers? Will my child's special needs be met? What do I ask when I visit the campus?

To answer these and other questions, Publishing 20/20, based on De Haro Street in Potrero Hill, has published three guidebooks covering every public school in San Francisco: "Choosing a Public Elementary School for Your Child in San Francisco," "Choosing a Public Middle School for Your Child in San Francisco," and "Choosing a Public High School for Your Child in San Francisco." Each of the 111 schools in the San Francisco Unified School District, with a combined population of 64,000 students, is profiled, based on factors such as ethnic make-up, student academic characteristics and test scores. The books also include sections on academics, building and grounds, computers, counseling services, discipline, extracurricular activities, libraries, Muni, neighborhood and school safety, parent participation, and staff.

What makes these guidebooks different from others on the subject is that 18 high school students were hired part-time to work with the staff reporters and editors. The students surveyed their classmates on their own opinions of the schools and classrooms, and assisted in production by fact-checking and proof-reading and although research for the books also included interviews with school principals, staff members and District officials, the points of view presented are not those of the District; rather the strength of the books is their independent evaluation of the schools.

Steve Rees, President and Publisher of Publishing 20/20, stressing "The students can observe things that can't be easily written in a book, such as interaction between the principal and staff, and playground activities. The high school book is fun to read because the student comments make for lively telling of the story"

Rees became more interested in educational issues as he watched his children, 7 and 12, move through school (they attend Bayview Elementary and Horace Mann Middle School). Parenting, coupled with 20 years' publishing experience, brought him to "take the leap," as he says, into an education-related business. "I have seen friends who have worked hard to get their kids into the school they thought best suited for their success. I also found it astonishing that so little information was available for something so important," he emphasizes.

You are not obligated to choose your residence according to the school you wish your child to attend — a major contingency for many parents. Any student in San Francisco, new or currently enrolled, may apply for attendance at an alternative school (outside their attendance zone) by submitting an Optional Enrollment Request (OER) form. In past years, attending a school outside of a family's attendance zone was allowed only for students with special needs and/or special circumstances.

The guidebooks are available for \$14.95 each directly from Publishing 20/20, 555 De Haro Street, San Francisco 94107, or from 65 local booksellers in the city — one of which is Christopher's Books at 18th and Missouri Streets. For further information, please contact Steve Rees at 487-8190.

A GIFT FROM THE YANK



Connecticut Yankee restaurant owner Fritz Frisbie and manager Jim Pochinchuk (l/r) presented a check in the amount of \$1350 to Neighborhood House Executive Director Enola D. Maxwell. The money was raised at a special New Year's Eve dinner at the Yankee.
Ruth Passen photo

The 41st
Potrero Hill Artists Exhibition
March 30—April 30, 1996
Reception Honoring the Artists
Music by Cliff Notes
Saturday, March 30, 6:30—9:30 p.m.

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Crime Reduction Plan Outlined for Potrero Station

By Michael Mattis

San Francisco's new Police Commission and new Potrero Police Captain Sylvia Harper introduced themselves to district residents during a meeting at the Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Commission members are: John Keker, President, Rodel Rodis, Douglas F. Wong, Pat Norman, Vice President, and Clotilde Hewlett.

Harper said the main obstacle she will be facing is a crime rate that had risen nine percent district-wide last year, but noted progress in shortening police response times to emergency calls. Average Potrero District response times were lower than the citywide average, Harper said.

Harper, asking the support of both the Commission and her new District's residents and merchants, outlined her plan to reduce crime, loitering, and other nuisances and stimulate greater commu-

nity involvement. Using the acronym PIA, Harper sketched out a plan that includes, "Prevention, Intervention, and Apprehension."

The PIA model stresses prevention by helping get youth off the streets through employment and other programs. Community Patrol, a program in which civilians patrol their neighborhood and report suspicious activity, was also named as a preventive measure. Harper said she wants to increase Community Patrols throughout the district. Currently a Community Patrol is in place in Portola Valley, and another was recently established on Potrero Hill.

Intervention in part involves supporting the new public housing Resource Centers, such as the one at 1000 Connecticut, where residents can go for police assistance and referrals for a variety of problems. It also calls for increased attention for troubled areas. Harper counted 15 "trouble spots" in the district, but did not elaborate.

The Apprehension part of the model stressed catching repeat offenders and, once caught, insuring their prosecution.

AT RESOURCE CENTER



Members of the childcare center in the public housing community of Potrero Hill entertained during the ceremony opening of the Resource Center at 1000 Connecticut St. It is underwritten by the S.F. Housing Police, and is open to any tenant seeking information and residing in the Potrero Hill Annex or Terrace. Ruth Passen photo

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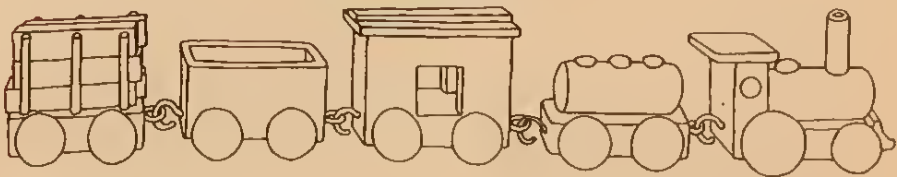
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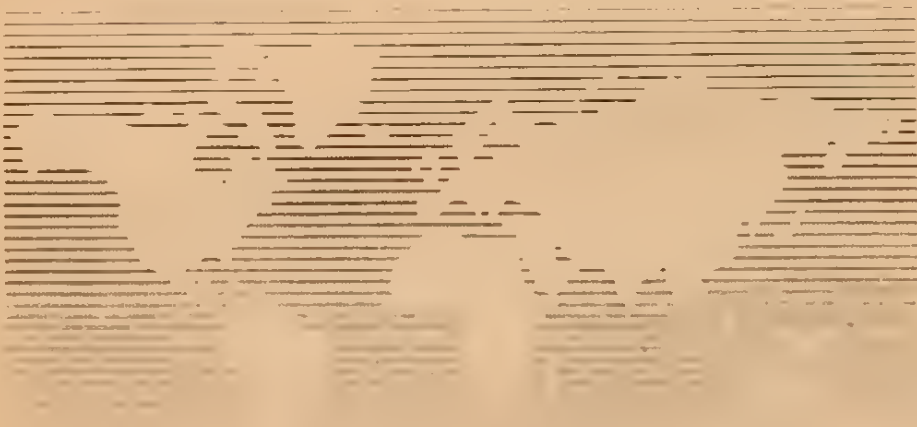
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Hill Writer Introduces Us To 'Barbary Coast Trail'

By Vas Arnautoff

Do we really need another book about San Francisco? After all, in the past few years we've had a spate of historical accounts, almanacs, descriptions of walks, cookbooks, tomes on our architecture, and even a San Francisco trivia book for the informationally challenged. And coffee table photo books seem to sprout like our poppies in the springtime.

Is there really a way of looking at our city that hasn't yet been described or pictured?

Ilappily there is, and Potrero Hill writer Daniel Bacon has demonstrated how, in his "Walking San Francisco on Barbary Coast Trail" (Quicksilver Press, 247 pgs.). What he does is to take the reader along on a 3.8 mile heel and toe trip from the Old Mint at 5th and Mission Sts. to the Aquatic Park terminus of the Hyde-Powell cable car line.

The route that the book describes is dubbed the Barbary Coast Trail after the once-infamous district (now known as Jackson Square) halfway along the hike. It passes seven museums, more than 40 designated historic landmarks, the three oldest public squares in San Francisco, Chinatown, North Beach and the Embarcadero, among other sights.

The Trail, the establishment and marking of which is sponsored by the S.F. Historical Society, has the City's official imprimatur, having been unanimously endorsed by the Board of Supervisors and by the Landmarks Advisory Board as well as by some 15 civic and neighborhood organizations. It will be marked by cast bronze plaques embedded flush in the sidewalk at every corner, the cost of which, about \$120,000, is expected to be raised through corporate and private donations.

Bacon hit upon the idea for the trail while on a walk one day from downtown to North Beach. He remembered a trip he had made to Boston some years earlier where he had found himself on that city's "Freedom Trail," created in 1955, an immensely popular walking tour of Boston's historical sights. A natural for San Francisco, Bacon thought.

"San Francisco is a dazzling city visually," he says, "but people treat it like a ditzy blond, not realizing the tremendously exciting character and history below the surface."

The author spent 20 months researching the project and a year and a half ago he started organizing his material. With the help of friends, the S.F. Historical Society (of which he's a member), and artist Yonki Yoon who did the maps and illustrations, "Walking San Francisco on the Barbary Coast Trail" took shape and was finally published last November. It's now available in some 30 bookstores locally.

"Walking . . ." is much more than a simple pedestrian's guide for the walk, although it's organized in such a way that it can be used simply as that. Its seven main chapters, each dealing with a segment of the Trail are preceded by instructions on the use of the book and a short history of the City.

Each chapter opens with a map of the district covered in that chapter and a "Quickview," a more detailed historical look at that district. Particularly useful are the prominently displayed directions, boxed and set in bold type, which the walker can quickly find if he or she prefers to save the history for later.

Every book of this type runs the risk of disappointing partisans of a particular event omitted from its pages. So, one might point out that the page headed "Market: The Street of Parades" fails to mention what the S.F. Chronicle of that time called "a stupendous and reverent procession that astounded the city." It was the quiet, solemn funeral cortege of an estimated 20,000 people on July 9, 1934. Organized and monitored by long-shoremen, who had insisted that no police be present, it honored two of their fellows killed on Bloody Thursday during the waterfront strike of that year.

There are other weaknesses: an occasional awkward turn of phrase; the misspelling of Beat writer Neal Cassady's name; statements of dubious accuracy (" . . . never any snow" in San Francisco, and " . . . the arduous 30-day nonstop journey from St. Joseph, Missouri."). And, while Emperor Norton and the pooches Bummer and Lazar are mentioned, they appear in separate segments of the book and there is no indication that the dogs were the Emperor's companions.



Hill author Daniel Bacon whose book "Walking San Francisco on the Barbary Coast Trail" leads the reader on a tour of the city's historic sites. Vas Arnautoff photo

But these are minor flaws in an otherwise engaging, entertaining, informative and walker-friendly guide through the old heart of San Francisco.

The Trail itself presently awaits funding for the 130 plaques that will mark its route. A design competition for the markers is being sponsored by the S.F. Historical Society, with the winning design becoming the symbol for the Trail. Deadline for design submissions is March 29, and details about the competition are available from Bacon and the Barbary Coast Trail Committee at (415) 861-5058.

In addition, donations to the project may be sent to the San Francisco Historical Society, P.O. Box 420569, San Francisco, CA 94142.

Daniel Bacon will be present for a book-signing evening on March 28 at Christopher's Books, 18th and Missouri Sts., from 7 to 9 p.m.



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A score of events celebrating Women's History Month takes place at UCSF, including "Women's Health 2000" March 9, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Medical Sciences Building, 513 Parnassus on the UCSF campus. Other events include workshops and seminars, talks, and health screenings throughout the city. For more info call 476-2193.

"The Working Women Festival," sponsored by the 450 Geary Studio Theatre, offers five new plays, four play readings and two workshops. This Festival, in its second year, spotlights the work of female theatre artists in the Bay Area. An improvisation workshop takes place Mar. 23. Working Women is a project of The Women's Building. For tickets and more info call 673-1172.

The S.F. African American Historical & Cultural Society invites the general public to attend an Open Poetry Reading, Mar. 14 at 7 p.m. at 762 Fulton St. Special guest readers include Bruce Blackwell, Roxanne Hanna, Tureeda Mikel and Dr. Martha K. McHenry. The event is free. For more info call 292-6172.

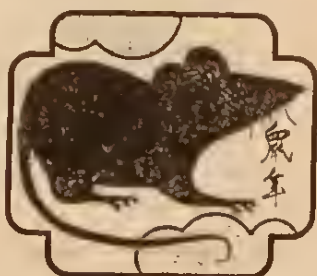
This year's Teen Issue Night Performance at Potrero Hill Middle School, 655 De Haro St., on Mar. 26 is titled "Let's Talk About Sex!" Actors in this performance are from the SFUSD Health Dept., and the show has been performed in other middle schools. The Ben and Jerry Ice Cream Company will donate ice cream to all who attend. Show time is 6:30 p.m.

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The Theatre Arts and Creative Writing Departments at S.F. State University, The Poetry Center and the American Conservatory Theatre (A.C.T.) present a special three-day symposium exploring new directions in theatrical creation. The symposium — Adventures in Language: New Waves in Contemporary Playwriting — takes place Mar. 9 and 10 at Knuth Hall, SFSU, and on Monday, Mar. 11 at A.C.T., 415 Geary St. Admission is free, and for more info call 338-1341.

Selma James, London-based activist/author, will speak on "The Global Economy: Women's Hidden Work," Mar. 13 at New College Cultural Center, 766 Valencia St., 7:30 p.m. There will be a sliding scale donation of \$5-10. The event is co-sponsored by the S.F. Greens and Wages for Housework Campaign. For info call 626-4114.



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Modern Times Bookstore presents a talk by M. Wesley Swearingen, "FBI Secrets: An Agents' Expose," Mar. 5 at 7:30 p.m. And on Mar. 27 there is a Lesbian & Gay Open Reading. Both events begin at 7:30 p.m. The bookstore is located at 888 Valencia St.

The Arthritis Foundation is launching a nationwide educational campaign Mar. 4-10 to tell America that "Kids Get Arthritis Too." The Foundation points out that if a child avoids using a particular limb, shows sign of stiffness or complains about aching joints, it may not be just 'growing pains' — it may be Juvenile Arthritis (JA). With early diagnosis and proper support, they say, children and their families can learn to cope with JA.



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The California Genealogical Society presents its 11th Annual Family History Fair, Mar. 8 & 9, at the Concourse Exhibition Center, 8th and Brannan Streets. There is an admission fee for the week-end, half-day, or only one day. For more info call 777-9936.

In celebration of Women's History Month, City College of S.F. presents a series of events beginning with a slide show and talk on the 1995 UN Beijing Women's Conference, Mar. 7. Other events include a Women's Health Panel (Mar. 11), a Quilt Show through Mar. 22; a panel, "Across the Generations," Women Activists Share Their Stories (Mar. 13). Poetry Readings, Film screening and a Health Fair are scheduled through Mar. 25. All events are free and open to the public. For more info call the Women's Studies Dept. at 239-3442 or Concert-Lecture Series, 239-3580.

Fuerza Joven is an Accion Latina project focusing on youthful musicians or poets between the ages of 13-18. This non-profit youth organization is producing a CD of original work by Bay Area youth. Send demo tapes, written copy of (non-explicit) lyrics, name, age, address and phone number by Mar. 20 to 766 Valencia St., S.F. 94110. For info call Luis Agustin at 252-5957.

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"Purlie Victorious" by Ossie Davis, opened at the beginning of March at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House's Multi-Ethnic Theatre (MET), and is scheduled to run Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. through the month of March.

MET Director Lewis Campbell describes "Purlie Victorious" as "an outrageous comedy which pokes fun at cliches of the lovable old South (circa late 1950s) and the so-called affection between masters and servants.

"It also offers a strong message of hope for equal justice and multi-cultural relationships," Campbell adds.

Purlie, the title character, is an African American preacher who outwits the white-haired plantation owner.

Featured in the cast are Tracy Ashford, Tarrus Baker, Yolanda Bradshaw, James Otis Brown, Andy Hammer, Malcolm Hutcherson, Wanda Johnson, Rama Kellum, Kenneth Mechan, Robert Mische,

Lou Reda, Janet Robinson, Peggy Royster, Rex Southard and Topazz.

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House is located at 953 De Haro St., at the corner of Southern Heights. Reservations are advised and MET may be reached by calling 550-8161.



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The MET'S "Purlie Victorious" features Rama Kellum (left) as Rev. Purlie, who is threatening to hit James Brown (Gitlow), while Topazz as Gitlow's wife Missy looks on.

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Byes has been on staff at the Neighborhood House for more than three years, and in that time has launched a successful children's gospel choir, which has performed at the San Francisco Martin Luther King, Jr. annual celebration, has entertained at Laguna Honda and other hospitals, and at the Black History Month programs at the Neighborhood House.

A professional modern jazz dancer, Byes is also a member of the Glide Church choir, and performs with the Glide dance ensemble.

Nabe to Honor Locals At April 20 Fundraiser

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House honors longtime Neighborhood House employee Bob Hayes, neighborhood activist Peter Firth, World Gym owners Joe and Robin Talmadge, and Esprit owner Susie Tomkins at a special buffet-reception Saturday, Apr. 20, at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House (NABE) at 953 De Haro St.

This special "Universe of Thanks," saluting the contributions all have made to both the Potrero Hill community and the NABE, begins at 5:30 p.m. with cock-

tails followed by a buffet dinner featuring foods from around the world and live entertainment.

This celebration is a fundraiser for the ongoing programs at the Neighborhood House, a community center offering a wide range of services to the Potrero Hill community. For ticket prices and more information and reservations call Theresa or Ruth at (415) 826-8080.



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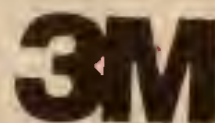
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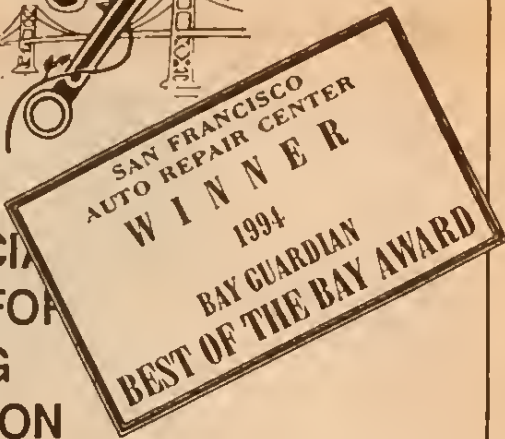
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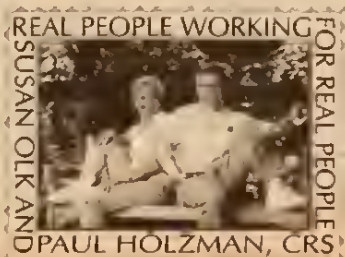
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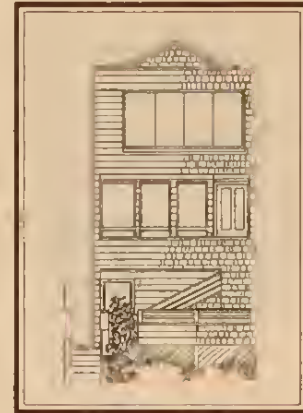


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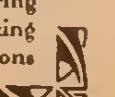
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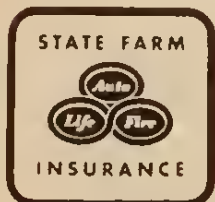
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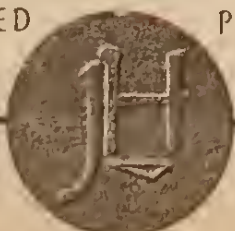
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